

over (1 hour sessions). Contact Jo Butcher on 07 8736077, if no answer please leave a message.

**On-Stage Te Kuiti** are calling for auditions for the **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SHOW** Children aged 9-12 years wanted for singing, acting and narration. Auditions will be held at Choral House, Taupiri Street, Te Kuiti (opposite the Quota Club) on Tuesday 19 October, and Thursday 21 of October at 5.15pm. Performances will be Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 December. All queries to Carol Eales on 878 7796.

**Halloween Dinner at Dra-KAI-la Castle** (Kai Café, VTNZ complex) Saturday 30 October 6.30pm for the spookiest menu in town. First Blood – welcome cocktail and nibbles, main meal, sweet tooth dessert. Prizes for best dressed. Tickets \$30, make a booking today and call Kai on 8786639.

### Children's Work

One afternoon I was skiing down the mountain. I fell over, then I heard a rumbling sound coming from the top of the mountain. I looked up. There was a whole lot of snow falling down, I did not know what to do. It was going very fast getting closer and closer. I was trying to ski but I was panicking. It was too late. It hit me.

I started to panic and yell I didn't know how to get out. I was in there for a day. Then I heard some ruffling sounds and I saw light and a dog. I was safe, they helped me get up.

They gave me a ride home. I sat down and watched TV, it had me on it so I sat down with my hot chocolate and watched.

By Angus

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1987 - Jack Bolt's Lost Diary

This morning I heard an enormous rumble. I looked out the window and saw something unusual coming down Mt Ruapehu. I have never in my life seen it before. So I got my jacket and my snow boots on then sprinted outside. I saw tourists trapped on a piece of snow. On the outside was boiling hot mud. When I looked up I saw some more mud coming. In front of the mud I saw something really unusual...

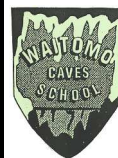
By Blaze

### What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

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| 18 October | Kick Start to School Classes resume |
| 18 October | Otorohanga Year 9 Dean visiting     |
| 19 October | Board of Trustees meeting           |
| 21 October | Half day pets day prep              |
| 21 October | Pets Day                            |
| 25 October | Labour day holiday                  |
| 27 October | Teachers Union Meetings             |



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# Newsletter

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Term Four 2010

Week One – 15 October

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Term 4. Last term we farwelled Bodene Horton-Lucas. Bodene and her family have relocated to Auckland.

Welcome to Arzjean Tane and her family Temara Tane and John Anderson. Arzjean is six and joins the juniors in Kowhai Class.

Congratulations to Trent, Dallas, Alex, Ratapu and the Junior King Country Soccer team. This team of soccer reps came runners-up in the final game of their soccer tournament last weekend in Taupo. Well done, great work!

Our community assemblies will take place in different forms this term. Because this is an opportunity for children to share what they are doing at school and to celebrate success we are using Pet/Flower Day for this and later in the term we have our prizegiving. We look forward to you joining us for these events.

On Monday 18 October the Otorohanga College Dean will be briefly visiting the Year 8 students in the afternoon. Mr Ken Drummond will be the Year 9 Dean for 2011.

### SunSmart

Please find enclosed a copy of the schools SunSmart Policy for your info.



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### **Titiwai Children's Choir**

Practises for the Children's Choir have begun. They are held every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 – 4.30pm in the library. A light afternoon snack is provided at the beginning of each practise. Please provide your child with a clearfile for keeping music and words in. This group is open to any primary children aged 6 or older, who live in the Waitomo catchment area. For further information contact Glenys George on 07 8738685 or Martha Ash 07 8788384.

### **Safer School with SelectaDNA**

Operation SNAP has launched a crime prevention initiative involving all Waikato Schools by providing us with a SelectaDNA Forensic Property Marking Kit that is designed to deter burglars from entering school grounds and stealing our property. The New Zealand Police, CrimeStoppers and the Ministry of Education are behind the scheme with the initiative funded by the Bank of New Zealand. The kits have a unique DNA solution that is painted onto items such as computers, musical instruments, trophies and AV equipment – in fact anything of value. It is virtually invisible to the naked eye but can be easily detected by Police as it glows blue under a UV light. The DNA in the solution is unique to our school and is registered on a database as belonging to us. Warning Stickers and signage will be put up around the school to create a 'no-go-zone' for would be thieves. In Rotorua SelectaDNA has been used to reduce crime in schools and to date there has been a 45% reduction in burglary. Your family can use SelectaDNA in your home as well. Kits are available for purchase from SelectaDNA or from any BNZ Store for \$100 each. For more information go to [www.bnz.co.nz/selectadna](http://www.bnz.co.nz/selectadna)

### **Pet/Flower Day**

Children have taken home information and details regarding Pet/Flower Day on Friday 22 October. The programme for the day will be as follows:

9:00 am	Rooms open for pupils to enter baking exhibits Students final grooming and preparation of pets Baking judged
10:30 am	Pet judging begins
12:00 pm	Lunch BBQ and rooms open for inspection
1:00 pm	Cakes up for auction

This year there will be face painting available for \$5. Look out for Bex. Giant Joan performance photos will also be on sale. Our Kick Start students and preschoolers are welcome to enter baking, art or flower arrangements they have made at home.

In a morning session of **Thursday 21 October** students will be making their flower arrangements at school. All flowers, fruit, vegetables, materials and containers will need to be brought along to school on the Thursday morning ready to be used to create the entries. Later that afternoon these exhibits will be judged. All entries in the baking section will be made at home on the afternoon of Thursday 21 October and brought to school the following day. Children will also need to groom and prepare their pets during this time. Children will be dismissed from classes at 12.30pm and the bus will be departing school at 12.30pm.

### **Teacher Union Meetings**

The school has been advised by the NZEI Te Riu Roa that it is holding Paid Union Meetings for teachers during October. To minimise disruption to the school, some staff will attend a meeting on Wednesday 27 October. NZEI is the union that represents primary teachers, primary principals and support staff. Under the Employment Relations Act, paid union meetings are a legal entitlement to discuss union business. In this case, NZEI has advised that the purpose of the meetings is to discuss what it sees as a lack of progress towards a fair settlement of the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement and other key issues impacting on teaching and learning. In our experience, NZEI calls paid union meetings infrequently and only when it believes that there is urgent and important business to discuss with its members.

For the duration of these meetings, an alternative programme will be offered for your child or children and we will have sufficient staff on site to ensure that students can remain at school.

We apologise for any potential disruption to you and your child's routine on the day of the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to Kevin Hodges of Otorohanga for donating vinyl we're using as place mats to help with our clay work.

Thank you to Kelvin Graham of Otorohanga for looking after and repairing our shade sail.

## **Community News**

**Otorohanga Athletic Club** Opening Night. Tuesday, October 19 at 5.30-6.30pm Otorohanga College field. New members welcome.

**Otorohanga Tennis Club** lessons with Quentin Wallace of Waipa Tennis Academy. Start Thursday 21 October and run for 7 weeks. Fees are as follows, \$40 5-7yrs (½ hour sessions), \$60 8-10yrs (¾ hour sessions), and \$110 11yrs and